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GENESIS MISSION PATCH DESIGN CONTEST WINNER

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The NASA Discovery series Genesis mission announces that Whitney Young High School student Jose' R. Peralta, son of Jose' C. and Cleo Peralta, has been named winner in the age 14-17 category in a recent contest to design a mission patch. Jose's entry may be found on the Internet at the Genesis mission Web site at <http://genesismission.jpl.nasa.gov>.

Representatives from Genesis mission partner agencies judged nearly 300 entries that came from 23 states, Canada, England, and Malaysia. Contest judge Ed Vigil of Los Alamos National Laboratory observed, "I enjoyed seeing and judging all the wonderful entries. I was especially excited by the number of entries from young people. All in all, I think everyone did a great job and they should be congratulated for their hard work and artistic efforts."

Entry format ranged from crayon to watercolor, from colored pencil to computer graphics. Designs were judged on originality, theme and use of the required design elements. According to Dr. Gilbert Yanow, Genesis mission Outreach Coordinator at Jet Propulsion Laboratory and contest judge, "I was amazed at the ability of not only the adults, but also children, to truly capture the scientific essence and significance of our mission."

Winning designs in the four age categories are displayed on the Genesis mission Web site and may be used on future mission-related products. The four top winners will receive a certificate of recognition and a space exploration book. The Mid-continent Regional Educational Laboratory (McREL) in Aurora, Colorado coordinated the mission patch contest.

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